A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. N. Sarabhoja).—

The answer is in the affirmative.

Mr. MARULASIDDAPPA.—Why is it that the scheme has not yet been sanctioned ?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—Whether the water available was enough or not had to be investigated. The investigation has been held and it is found that there is not enough water.

Mr. MARULASIDDAPPA.— After having conducted a survey at a heavy cost. if the scheme is dropped, would it not mean a loss to the Government ?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—The expenditure on a preliminary survey is inevitable, whatever the result.

Mr. MARULASIDDAPPA.—What is the expenditure incurred so far ?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—Notice.

Mr. MARULASIDDAPPA.—Is the scheme likely to be taken up ?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—Perhaps not. There will be no water there in August and September.

Mr. MARULASIDDAPPA.—There will be plenty of water. In fact, that is just the spot where the Vedavathi river takes its source. And with the help of that water, about 400 or 500 acres can be converted into wet lands. Both the Revenue Commissioner and the Dewan had promised to consider the scheme.

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—The report we have received is that there is not sufficient water for irrigation.

Mr. MARULASIDDAPPA.—Will it not be possible to order a fresh survey ?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—If the tank is to be restored, a fresh survey has to be made.

Restoration of Tanks in Chennarayapatna Taluk.

Q.—35. Messrs. B. L. HUTCHAPPA and S. B. JOGANNA GOWDA (Chennarayapatna Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of major and minor tanks in Chennarayapatna Taluk;

(*b*) the number of tanks which, even when they are full, cannot supply sufficient water to the lands below them ;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the difficulty experienced by the raiyats in their being unable to raise good crops in lands under many tanks owing to their sluices and waste-weirs being in a state of disrepair ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. N. Sarabhoja).—

(*a*) 45 major and 141 minor tanks.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation.

(*c*) Yes. Only in a few cases.

Construction of a Reservoir across the Hemavathi near Gorur.

Q.—36. Mr. K. RAMANNA (Hole Narasipur Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) (i) all the surveyed projects originally contemplated for the construction of reservoirs across the rivers in the State, and (ii) the places where they were proposed to be constructed ;

(*b*) (i) whether the construction of a reservoir across the Hemavathi near Gorur in Hassan District is one of the proposals in view of Government ;

(ii) if so, the extent of dry lands that is calculated to be converted into wet by the *nala* or *nalas* from that reservoir; the estimated cost of the project ;

(iii) if this project is in the view of the Government, the arrangements that have been made for its execution ;

(iv) whether Government have arranged to commence the work during the current year; if so, when it will be taken up ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. N. Sarabhoja).—

(*a*) Surveys have been conducted for the construction of reservoirs on the rivers Kabbini, Hemavathi, Lakshmanathirtha and Suvaranavathi at Hullahalli, Gorur, Hanagod and Byadamudlu, respectively.